

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning AB 467 (Yee) without my signature.

While I support the author's goal of fully evaluating the inpatient hospital mental health Medi-Cal rates, this measure is unnecessary. This bill requests that the Department of Mental Health, in consultation with the California Hospital Association (CHA) and the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA), evaluate the rate setting structure and make recommendations to the Legislature.

I am directing the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health Services to evaluate the current rate setting methodology to identify problems and solutions and report the results to the Secretary of Health and Human Services by September 1, 2006.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill at this time.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger